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For: ***"INHIBITORS OF N-ETHYLMALAIMIDE SENSITIVE FACTOR"***

Commissioner for Patents

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**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:


In response to the Office Action mailed on 10/24/2007, Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement. During electronic filing of this response, the Commissioner was authorized to charge the fee (\$230.00) to attorney's deposit account # 50-2041.

In response to the Office Action mailed on 10/24/2007, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, the Group I claims 1-6 for further examination. The Group I claims are drawn to a fusion peptide comprising a first sequence which promotes translocation across a membrane and a second sequence that inhibits N-ethylmaleimide sensitive factor activity.

In addition, Applicant hereby elects SEQ ID NO: 8 for further examination.

Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees to attorney's deposit account # 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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